Government is facilitating the States of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa to resolve the issue of submergence as per the provisions contained in the GWDT Award.

Implementation of rain water harvesting scheme

3327. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to implement and making rain water harvesting scheme compulsory in farm sector for every land holding farmer in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assistance would be provided by Government for the purpsose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN-SOZ) (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Implementation of irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu

3328. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the Central Government for assistance for implementation of irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, the response of the Central Government thereto and the assistance likely to be released to the State Government for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The Union Government has not received request for assistance for implementing major/medium irrigation project from the Government of Tamil Nadu. However, under the Pilot Scheme "National Project for repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies directly linked to Agriculture", two district project namely Sivgangai and Villupuram were approved in 2004-05 and Central share of Rs. 3.97 crore has been released during 2005-06 to the Government of Tamil Nadu. The balance amount of the Central share will be released to the State Government